

The organizers of the 22nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games, the largest annual wheelchair sporting event of its kind in the world, are inviting children with disabilities to attend a special event in their honor – the second annual Kids Day.

The event will take place at Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School, in Brecksville, Ohio on Friday, July 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This year's Kids Day is designed to help introduce the wonderful world of adaptive sports and recreational opportunities to children with physical disabilities in the Greater Cleveland area. It will also give them the opportunity to meet several U.S. veterans, all with inspiring stories, who as athletes, will compete for the Gold!

The program will include an exhibition and instruction session of several track and field events as well as a visit from members of the Cleveland Indians to kick-off the event.

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Kids Day at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School, Brecksville, Ohio

July 12, 2002

Kids Day is a free-of-charge event for children with physical disabilities and their families.

SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Welcome

Introductions of Special Guests

Intro to Wheelchair Games and Wheelchair Sports

Interaction with world-class and other wheelchair athletes

10:45 a.m. Field Event Display and Instruction

(Includes discus, shot put, javelin and club toss)

11:30 a.m. Lunch with Athletes

12:15 p.m. Track Event Display and Instruction

12:45 p.m. Live Track Competition

(Watch live track competition, interaction with athletes after races.)

2:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Special Guests Artie Guerrero, Coordinator of the Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp

Holly Koester, Wheelchair Games Gold Medal Winning Athlete

Pat Sapp, Goalkeeper for Gold Medal Winning 2002 US Sledge Hockey Team

Laura Schwanger, Former Paralympic World Record Holder in Javelin

Champion Track and Field Wheelchair Athletes

* Members of the Cleveland Indians

Each child will have the opportunity to work with some of the best wheelchair athletes in the world and learn the ins and outs of adaptive sporting events. All participants will receive a medal of participation, great give-away items, free merchandise from the Cleveland Indians, and an experience that they will not soon forget.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School is located at 6380 E. Mill Road in Brecksville, Ohio.

Hope to see you there!

^{*} Members of the Cleveland Indians will help kick-off Kids Day with messages of encouragement for the children.